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ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS AT INAUGURATION; as head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, Iakovos served as the official representative of one of the Four Major Faiths in the U.S. at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy on Friday, January 20th. He had been invited to deliver an Inaugural Prayer by Senator Sparkman, who was in charge of the committee on those arrangements.

The Archbishop, in his prayer, said, in part, that the President might be 'girded with the armor of faith, prudence, and high morale....that a host of angels be his constant guardians, so that guided and guarded thusly by Thee, he may attain his noble goals.....bless the tenure of his office, that he may be victorious in all his struggles against evil, violence, injustice, and the threat of war...preserve his life and multiply his days with health and wisdom...'

Also participating were, of course, representatives of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish Faiths. In addition to these clergy, on the public rostrum, there was also a 'Religious Observance Committee', composed

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RNS COVERS THE WORLD

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

FOREIGN

SSIANS JAM MOSCOW CATHEDRAL ON ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS. Mounted police re called out to regulate traffic as thousands of Russian Orthodox believers converged on Elokhovsky Cathedral, Moscow, for Christmas Eve services. Only cars of the diplomatic ps were permitted to park near the cathedral.

Russian Church, of course, celebrates Christmas according to the old Julian Calendar. This r, for the first time in half a century, there was no snow on the ground and the crowds of ng and old did not have to stamp their feet to keep them warm as they waited for the church rs to swing open.

recedent was set when the Christmas service was conducted jointly by Patriarch Alexei and year old Metropolitan Pitirim. Usually, the Patriarch has officiated alone at these services. ropolitan Pitirim recently replaced Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsky and Kolomna as second king leader of the Church.

ong Moscow's 2,500 Baptists, who also observe Christmas according to the Russian custom, e was also great attendance at the Baptist Church. Hundreds, unable to gain admittance, d outside and listened to Christmas carols sung by a 150-member choir. The service was orded on sound film by William Jones of Los Angeles, a Presbyterian, who was in Moscow ake a movie. The church itself was recently re-decorated, thanks largely to funds given merican pianist Van Cliburn, a Baptist.

The Moscow Health Service is presently sponsoring a series of public lectures to inform the public concerning the unhygienic practices as used in Baptism and Communion in the Russian Orthodox Church. The Health Service claims that cases of dysentery have come from immersion rites of the baptism; as many as 30 babies being baptized in the same font within two hours, having caused 'unsanitary conditions'. In addition, a case of a priest, with tuberculosis, was reported as having used the same spoon that he later used to give communion to a hundred or more people. (*If the Health Service were 'well-informed' they would know that, while the people are communicated with a spoon, the priest communicates himself from the chalice, not with the spoon.-ED.)

Civilta Cattolica, Jesuit publication in Rome, claims that the Moscow Patriarchate is subjected to heavy pressure from the Soviet government to attack the Roman Church. It cites the government letting Alexei use an airplane for a tour of the Near and Middle East. (*The Jesuits are correct that the Church is under pressure in the USSR; however, the use of a government airplane does not mean the Church has, thereby, an obligation to attack Roman Catholicism. If this were true, then Cardinal Spellman's frequent 'free use' of an Air Force plane to fly around the world, would mean he is also under pressure to attack the Orthodox Church. Antagonism between Russian Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism has been in existence for close to a thousand years, due to the terrible massacres perpetrated by Catholic legions against Orthodox peasants. - ED.)

POLAND BOASTS PROGRESS IN BIRTH CONTROL CAMPAIGN. The Warsaw Radio boasted that the government's planned parenthood campaign is making 'great progress', despite Roman Catholic opposition, which is led by Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland.

It said that the first consignment of 2,000,000 contraceptive pills had been quickly sold out, and new consignments are being rushed 'to satisfy the demand'.

Meanwhile, the station said, government publishing houses are turning out great quantities of special birth control pamphlets, which are 'also in great demand'.

- Poland now has an estimated 223,000 Protestants; there are 11 denominations, with the Lutheran Evangelical Church having nearly half of this total membership. The next largest non-Protestant, non-Roman body, is that of the Polish Orthodox Church with 300,000.

- Over in England, a bill to legalize abortion was introduced Feb.10th in Commons. It would legalize abortion for reasons of health, abnormality, rape, incest, or age. - ED.

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CATHOLIC CLERGY ASSAILED BY BOTH CUBA AND HAITI. In practically parallel moves, the governments of Cuba and Haiti lashed out at the clergy of the Roman Catholic Churc

Armed Forces Minister, Raul Castro, of Cuba, denounced Cuba's Roman Catholic clergy as 'instruments of.....imperialism....who are trying to poison the minds of children against the rev olution'. He used such terms as 'henchmen in cassocks' and 'Falangists'; he also said they, 'in no way, represented Christ, Who lived and died on the side of the people'. (*A large part of the Roman clergy, in Cuba, are from Spain.-ED.) Castro also told of his school days in Catholic schools; he said he had once asked 'why were there Negroes?' He said the answer given him was 'that they were a tribe who received punishment from God'.

In Haiti, it has been reported that 25 Roman priests and some 20 nuns have been arrested; this followed the expulsion of two prelates and four priests by the government of President Duvalier Reason given for the banishments and arrests was that the clergy had been encouraging unrest and inciting rebellion against the government. President Duvalier has blamed the 'foreign' priests (mostly French-ED.) as the source of the trouble. Early this month, the Vatican, in a move to correct the abuses the Church had wrought in Haiti, appointed a native-born Haitian as the acting Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese; his name is Claudius Angenor and he is the first native ever given such a high office in the Church. Following his appointment, government acts against the Church ceased abruptly, with the exception of the arrest of another 'foreign' Bishop, Paul Robert.

- The Roman Church has always been an 'imperialistic' Church; as one exporter explained to the editor of AREO, the Roman Church goes into foreign lands to 'open them up' for the development of the 'economic interests' of their homelands; then, thru fear and ignorance, the Church 'controls' the people's minds so that they remain in a form of serfdom. It is this 'foreign' control that Haiti, Nigeria, and other lands resent. This is the reason why Spellman was termed an 'instrument of imperialism'. The correction of this problem can easily be brought about by Rome adopting the practice of Christian Service and Love towards the people, who believe in Her; She should educate and develop the talents of Her people. The reason South America, after 400 years of Romanism, is still so backward, is because Rome did very little to 'raise up' the people; instead, She left them as serfs for the economic interests, while She amused Herself with political aims for that hemisphere. ED.

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CARDINAL BEA STRESSES CATHOLIC CONCEPTS FOR UNITY. While the Second Vatican Council, summoned by Pope John, will not be a 'Council of Union', it can 'create conditions favorable to union', said Cardinal Bea, president of the Secretariat for Christian Unity, late last month. The German-born, Jesuit Cardinal said this would be done thru the Council

arly demonstrating 'the truth, unity, and charity, which reign in the Catholic Church.'

said that the principal obstacles to union with Eastern Orthodoxy hinge on the 'primacy of Pope', 'Papal Infallibility', and those dogmas developed subsequent to the Great Schism of 4 A.D.

e obstacles for those communions that arose after the Reformation, however, he said, are mewhat different. He pointed out that these bodies have such diversity of doctrine and denom-tional interests that unity becomes something more than reconciling the issues of dogma of toric concept. Principally, he said, the Protestant 'world of Reformation denies in principle existence of a doctrinal authority which binds the conscience of the faithful'; he also pointed that Protestants reject the idea 'that Catholic bishops derive authority in uninterrupted suc-ssion from the Apostles and claim exclusive rights in church teachings.' Lastly, he stated t the Protestants have no official secretariat that can 'negotiate' with the Catholic secretar-in such a manner as to cause their negotiations to be accepted in the Protestant world.

The 1961 Pontifical Yearbook has 'eliminated' a 10th century Pope, Stephen VIII, from the list of 'apostolic succession'. Pope John XXIII, elected in 1958 as the 262nd Pope, has now, in 1961, suddenly become the 261st Pope. This matter, while it appears laughable and insig-nificant, is actually filled with meaning; Rome claims 'unbroken succession' as Her author-ity from the Apostles. Now, She, by Her own act, has shown that this idea is pure foolishness. As if with a 'magic wand', She has 'expelled' Pope Stephen VIII, who, according to Her teach-ing, was one vital link in the chain of Apostolic Succession. (*Stephen VIII had been listed as 125th Pope, ruling from 928-931. His place is now taken by the listing of 'Stephen Vii(Viii)'; the next listing of a 'Stephen' is that of 'Stephen IX(Viii), 939-942.' - ED.) Actually, Rome is filled with so many contradictions, piled up over the centuries, that they sometimes get so top-heavy that they become a problem to explain. - ED.

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RNACULAR IS IN COMMON USE IN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND. nown to most Roman Catholics, the world-over, the use of the vernacular, in the Roman holic Church in Ireland, has come into general acceptance.

o Latin is retained in the Mass and in administration of the Church's sacraments, English Gaelic are being used in many prayers of the rites for Baptism, Matrimony, and Unction.

use of English or Gaelic is left to the discretion of the parish priest. Altho Gaelic is under-g a revival in recent years, it is usually only spoken in the isolated, rural areas.

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MINICAN BRANDS CHA-CHA AS 'SINFUL'. A Dominican priest, Father Reginaldo ncisco, has made a study of modern dancing and come up with the conclusion that the dance wn as the 'cha-cha' is 'sinful'. Also 'sinful', he says, are the rumba, carioca, bolero, n, mambo, samba, swing, boogie-woogie, raspa, and calypso.

ese dances, because of their postures, movements, and swayings, are definitely lascivious an offense to virtue. They are morally very dangerous and are, by themselves, a sin'. He d that 'rock 'n roll' is 'less lustful'.

o the dances known as the waltz, polka, mazurka, and other European folk dances, that have ted physical contact, they can be termed 'harmless'.

good father further explained that 'modern....dancing is a determining element of erotic zy.'

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ADIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCH 'THREATENS' PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES r. J.N. Gelineau, Vicar General of the Ottawa Roman Catholic archdiocese, issued a strong at to the Catholic members of the public school boards of trustees in the entire Ontario

Province of Canada, if they continued to insist on Catholics paying taxes to public school boards instead of to the 'separated' (Catholic) boards. He said he would deny them 'absolution'.

Educational officials in Ontario have become alarmed recently over a massive, Church-guided switch of Catholic taxpayers from support of public to parochial schools. Catholic members of the public school boards have reacted against the Church directives to parents to shift their tax support. The hierarch's action against them was channeled thru the 'fear-media' of telling these officials that their continued stubborness would be considered 'aggression against their fellow Catholics and contrary to the faith' and that 'remission of their sins' would be denied them.

Msgr. Gelineau explained his attitude by stating that 'It is not permissible for Catholics to pay school taxes to benefit public schools. Persons going against Directive 268 of this archdiocese will not be worthy of absolution'.

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MEXICAN CHURCH AUTHORITIES LABEL 'MIRACLE' CLAIMS FALSE. Roman Catholic Church authorities in Mexico City have labeled claims of the appearance of the Virgin to a 14-year old girl living in a small mountain village as 'false and fraudulent'.

Both Church and State officials converged on the tiny village of San Salvador, in the state of Guanajuato, following reports of a 'miracle' when 14-year old Juana Yebra Payan suddenly 'reawakened, following a 24 hour coma.

The girl's relatives apparently believed she was dead and were making preparations for her funeral. When the girl opened her eyes, she is reported to have said: 'The Virgin Mary advised me to remain for a time in the world to do good for my neighbors'. Juana had then been fitted out in white, crowned with flowers, and led by hundreds of 'pilgrims' to a hospital, where a doctor examined her. Physicians diagnosed her problem as being one of 'suggestion', that had been brought on by someone 'suggesting' to her that she had seen the Virgin. Later, it was further learned that she had had hallucinations in the past, which her parents and an aunt had urged her to believe in.

- The 'supposed' authentic 'Fatima' miracle has recently proven to be nothing of import. At the time of that 'vision', a sealed envelope, containing a message to be revealed in 1960, was solemnly held 'in trust'; it was to be revealed by the Church with great fanfare when the appointed hour arrived. Since it dealt with the 'conversion of Russia', and since Russia hadn't 'providentially converted' to Rome by 1960, it was perhaps considered best that the 'message' not be revealed, so the Church 'conveniently' gave one of Her usual pat reasons as to why She was not going to make it public.- ED.

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RUINS OF ANCIENT DEAD SEA SETTLEMENT FOUND. A team of archeologists from Hebrew University, Jerusalem, have unearthed the remains of an Israelite settlement of the 6th or 7th century, near En Gedi, on the western shores of the Dead Sea. The settlement is believed to have been founded by Josiah, King of Judah, who ascended the throne about 638 B.C.

The expedition discovered that the houses of the village were of mud, but rested on stone foundations.

This discovery confirms Bible reports, as well as writings of Josephus Flavius(historian of the 1st century), Eusebius (Bishop of Caesarea of the 3rd-4th century), and Talmudic and Patristic literature.

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END TO ORTHODOX MONASTERY OF ST. CATHERINE IS FEARED. The famed and historic monastery of St. Catherine on Mt. Sinai, which dates to the 6th century, when it was founded by Emperor Justinian, is threatened with extinction because of lack of novices willing

adopt the monastic life, it was reported from Athens.

ly 23 monks, of whom six are over the age of 70, are reported at the monastery today. Once ere were 200 there; an existing treaty, however, does limit the number to 32 in these days.

e monastery library has 4,000 manuscripts and 7,000 early printed books, as well as other ligious treasures. Its head is an abbot with the rank of archbishop.(Porphyrios III.- ED.)

In Athens, Archbishop Theoklitos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Greece, ordered all Greek priests to grow their beards to the 'required' length within two months hence. The 'required' length was not specified in inches, but the prelate indicated it should be long enough to show 'respectability and reverence'. Local news media said they failed to see how the length of a priest's beard would assist him in spiritual duties.

In the U.S., an attempt is being made by both Greek and Russian individuals to stimulate an interest in monasticism. Brother Panteleimon, founder of Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Haverhill,Mass., has been lecturing among the Greek churches. He is a native of Detroit,Mich., but spent a year at St.Panteleimon, on Mt. Athos. Ivan Czap, Russian, has spoken in a wide scope of churches thruout Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, and New York to try and stimulate 'vocations' to monasticism - his object is to try and save Mt.Athos from complete collapse, thru lack of novices.(See AREO for Dec.'60 and Jan.'61.-ED.)

It should, once again, be pointed out that Christ needs individuals that will SERVE; the mere act of dedicating oneself to a 'contemplative' life is not sufficient in the world today. AREO strongly suggests that the monastic communities of Mt.Athos and St.Catherine be staffed with willing helpers, who will establish centers of 'service' to the world; these centers are badly needed, for instance, for the care of old, invalided refugee Orthodox, who are presently starving to death in Hong Kong, and other areas of the under-privileged world. Youth volunteers could easily be obtained thruout the U.S., on the basis of giving a year of their earthly life to this end. - ED.

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. AIDING VAST RESCUE OF EGYPTIAN MONUMENTS. A newly formed U.S. com-tee has begun a nationwide appeal in the U.S. for help in one of history's biggest 'treasure ts' in Egypt.

stake are unnumbered monuments and priceless records of the Christian, Jewish, and Mos- faiths; they are being threatened by construction of the Aswan Dam, which will flood the er Nile Valley, when the dam is completed in 1970. Included among the monuments, are ncient Christian churches, monasteries, fortresses and Egyptian temples, that date to the raohs, as well as other cultural-religious relics still unearthed.

wn as the 'U.S.Committee for the Preservation of Nubian Monuments', Spyros Skouras is of the main moving spirits in the affair. He pointed out that, for the first time, the UAR ted Arab Republic) is allowing contributing nations to remove, en toto, such movable sures, as are commensurate with the size of the financial contribution they make to this rt of preservation of a phase of Man's history. Over 20 temples alone are planned on g 'lifted' wholesale, contents and all, from the path of the Nile's waters. The Temple of Simbel, for instance, was built by Ramses II and is considered one of the finest; it weighs 000 tons alone. It has to be jacked up and removed; the task will go down in history as the test engineering feat of its kind. (*The heaviest building ever raised on jacks was one of 00 tons. Abu Simbel is 25 times heavier.-ED.)

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LIGIOUS NEWS FROM JORDAN. A series of interesting news stories have come out of an recently.

Hussein, for instance, of Jordan has approved plans for the building of the first Maronite

Rite church in Jerusalem's Old City. The announcement came after a meeting between the King and delegates of Maronite Patriarch Paul Meouchi of Antioch, whose seat is in Beirut, Lebanon. The Maronites are an 'eastern rite' church, in union with Rome; they constitute the main body of Christians in Lebanon. The church to be built in Jerusalem is essential to care for the some 6,000 Maronites in Jordan. After giving the permission for the church, the King then directed that the Patriarch also be awarded the Order of Renaissance First Class, to be done thru the Jordanian Ambassador to Lebanon, Abdul Hamid Seraj.

For the first time in 12 years, an Armenian Orthodox prelate was escorted by Jordanian police from Jerusalem's Old City to celebrate Christmas at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem last month. The Armenians observe Christmas on the Feast of Epiphany. This year's pilgrimage was led by Patriarch Derderian, who had been elected to that office last year. The office of patriarch had been vacant since 1949, the year of the death of the late patriarch, Israelian.

A Lutheran relief official in Jordan was given the Golden Cross of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, by Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benedictos. The award was given in recognition of the Lutheran's 'devoted, charitable work, especially among refugees without distinction of creed'. Recipient was Theodore Bustany, of the Lutheran World Federation. A similar award was also made to Jirius Elias Abu Sabah, leader of the Arab Orthodox community in Santiago, Chile; he publishes an Arabic newspaper in the Chilean capital. The Jerusalem Patriarchate sends regularly an Arab priest to Chile to care for the spiritual needs of the Greek Orthodox community there, which is made up of settlers from Palestine.

Abisha ben Phineas, high priest of the tiny Samaritan Israelite community at Nablus, Jordan, died at the age of 85. For 17 years he had been the chief officiating dignitary at Passover rites on the Holy Mountain at Gerizim. The Samaritans are a remnant of the northern tribes of Samaria (Shechem), who have remained in Nablus since Biblical times. They acknowledge as sacred only the Pentateuch and the Book of Joshua, on which their late High Priest had written learned commentaries.

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ARCHBISHOP OF YORK TO SUCCEED DR. FISHER. Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of York since 1956, has been designated to succeed Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher as Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of the Church of England.

Appointed by Queen Elizabeth, on the recommendation of Prime Minister Macmillan, Dr. Ramsey will assume the spiritual leadership of the State Church on May 31st, next. Dr. Ramsey, 55, has been a life-long supporter of the movement for Christian unity and, in 1959, went so far as to even say: 'I am willing to accept the Pope as a presiding bishop among the bishops of Christendom, but not as infallible'. That meant, he added, that he would consider the Pope as 'first among equals'.

Dr. Ramsey, married but with no children, has also headed a delegation of Anglican churchmen to Eastern Orthodoxy, on occasion. In particular, he went to Moscow to see what could be done to clarify relations between the Anglican and Orthodox Church of Russia. As Archbishop of Canterbury, he will be the 100th to have occupied that primacy.

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BISHOPS DESIGNATED FOR NEW MALABAR SYRIAN CHURCH. Two bishops have been unanimously chosen by the electoral college of the new St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India, an offshoot of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India. Selected were Reverend P. John Verghese and K.N. Ummen.

A Church spokesman said one would be selected as primate for a five year term. The presiding bishop, thus selected, may not hold more than two terms.

The 'new' Church was formed on January 26th, last, as a split from the main Mar Thoma Syrian Church. The schism developed between the two factions, Orthodox and Evangelical, over a period of years. The 'new' church group accepts the Nicene Creed, Sunday observance, baptism

infants and adults, Holy Supper(Communion), with the main stress on evangelism.

e Mar Thoma group branched off from the Orthodox Syrian Church of Malabar some 124 years
); as a 'reform', at that time, they dropped auricular confession, ritual worship, transubstan
tion of the 'real presence' - they endorse the 'spiritual presence', rather than the 'real
esence', in the bread and wine at Communion.

tropolitan Juhanon, head of the Mar Thoma body, had sought earnestly to prevent the breach
offering a palm branch of a 'study committee for reform'; the separatists, however, felt
t 'purity' could only be gained by freeing themselves of the bonds of tradition and 'tying' them
ves to the continuing 'light of inspiration of the Holy Spirit' as their guide to reform.

ior to the breach, the 'reformers' had tried to force adherence by the Church,to the original
als of the old Church, thru legal action in the courts. These suits were unsuccessful, thus
nging about the actual schism.

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LIGION IN THE U.S.S.R. Under this title 'Religion in the USSR', a 236 page, paper-
book has been issued under the editorship of Professor Boris Iwanow, translated into
ish by James Larkin.

ded into four parts, the book deals with, successively, the Soviet Policy Toward Religion;
Christian Churches; Islam-Buddhism-Judaism; and Religion and Anti-religious Propaganda.
ered by the Institute for the Study of the USSR, the book is actually a symposium that is
ded to give the Western World some idea of the real situation of religion in the Soviet.
of the chapters had previously appeared in magazine article form, in various publications
n various languages.

book is limited, however, to the treatment of the subjects solely from the standpoint of the
act that the Soviet Communist regime' has produced on religion in that country. Treatment
y and all other aspects is left to other authors and other times. Thus, the book is primarily
litical treatment' of the personal views of the contributing authors, all of whom are of
emigre' types from the Soviet or Soviet-occupied territories.

The book is priced at $2.50 and may be procured from AREO, 43 W.90th St. N.Y.24,N.Y.

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US LEADS DRIVE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES INVESTIGATORS. Dr. Willard
us, lay Christian pacifist, who recently completed a year's sentence in a New Hampshire
r refusing to cooperate with a State investigation of subversive elements, was the principal
er at a rally in Washington D.C., which was held for the purpose of demanding abolition of
ouse Committee on Un-American Activities.

0-year old Methodist layman said 'It becomes increasingly difficult for the defenders of
use Un-American Activities Committee to label ....those it does not like...as Reds....
ng that ..(they)...are un-American and disloyal.....One way to discourage State investi-

gations, conducted by...politicians, is to rid our country of such a terrible offender as the Hous Committee'.

- Dr.Uphaus had been jailed, on contempt charges, for refusing to reveal names of friends and guests that had frequented his summer camp at Conway,N.H. - ED.

- On January 16th, Dr.Uphaus was honored, at an inter-religious service and reception, at St.George's Episcopal Church, N.Y. for his courageous stand against the 'McCarthy-like' charges of New Hampshire's attorney general, L.C.Wyman, who had conducted a 'one-man' investigation in 1954.

- The House Un-American Activities Committee recently seized films of the student picketin of the San Francisco 'hearings', it held last May; the seized films were turned over to a private film producer, Washington Video Producers-Inc., which edited 'portions' of the filn into an admitted, false and distorted image of the affair. The film, which is being widely di tributed thru 'patriotic' organizations for 'private' showings, has been widely written about and commented on in the religious press. Many clergy have branded it as 'unfair', 'fascist' 'Red scare propaganda'. Because of this opposition, much comment has also been given by 'supporters' of the film; one of these, Rep.Dale Alford(D.-Ark.) has suggested that the FBI 'question' such critics.

- This same House Committee was also the most active supporter of the recently condemned Air Force Manual, which had branded many non-Roman Catholic clergy as being 'Reds'. Th various Congressional groups have never attacked Roman Catholic clergy, but always thos of Protestant or Jewish Faiths. - ED.

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ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS HIGHLIGHTS ANNUAL 'GREEK LETTERS WEEK'. The Tenth Annual observance of 'Greek Letters Week' was highlighted by Archbishop Iakovos in a special affair during the week of Jan. 22-30. Aiding the prelate in the program were the Greek Ambassador to the U.N. and the acting Consul General in New York for Greece.

Thruout the entire archdiocese, also, similar programs and lectures were held to stimulate interest in the advancement of Hellenistic studies. One of the most striking of these occasions was that held at Blue Point, L.I. (Patchogue),N.Y., where the Archbishop presided at groundbreaking ceremonies of St.John's Greek Orthodox new Cultural Center.

This year, 'Greek Letters Week' had special significance, also, because of two current cultural projects. One is the recently launched drive to found an Hellenic University of America on the grounds of Holy Cross Orthodox Theological School, Brookline,Mass. The other is the planned creation of a center for the study of Classical Greek Culture and Hellenic Tradition, to be built in Washington D.C. with the aid of a $5,000,000 grant from the Old Dominion Foundation. This center will be administered by Harvard University.

- Recently, the Archbishop also made good 'Greek Letters' news, when he disputed the conclusions of the scholarly Roman Catholic Dominican monk, Francis Dvornik, which were set forth in that author's book 'The Idea of Apostolicity in Byzantium and the Legend of the Apostle Andrew'. While the Archbishop gave Dvornik credit for his effort, he showed that the author erred in concluding that Andrew is termed 'founder of the Church of Byzantium' because he consecrated Stachos as 1st bishop of Constantinople; and that he also mad error in saying that the Byzantium Church 'felt' it 'needed' direct linkage to Apostolic Succession; and further that error was rife by surmising that merely because Andrew's remains rested in Constantinople from 357 till 1204, when they were stolen by the Latins; neither was Dvornik's assumption that the East based its structure on the established political pattern valid. Where Dvornik erred, said the Archbishop, was that he failed to realize that the 'First-called' among the Apostles 'established' the Church of Byzantium, even as he missionized into Scthyia, Trebizond, Snope, Heraclea, the Black Sea, and into Greece. The prelate pointed out that St.Luke and St.Timothy also came to rest in the Grea Church of the Holy Apostles, but no tradition connects them as being founders of the Chur of Byzantium; reason ? Because Andrew 'founded and established' the Church. (The skull

of S.Andrew rests in the Latin Cathedral of St.Peter in Rome, whence it was taken by the Papal thieves in 1204.-ED.)

The Archbishop left in early February for Geneva, to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches, Feb.5-10. The program of the forthcoming 3rd Assembly, in New Delhi, India, later this year, is the principal problem to be detailed. Following this meeting, Iakovos will go to Istanbul to confer with the Ecumenical Patriarch thereafter, he will go to Athens for conferences with Archbishop Theoklitos.

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KRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED BY U.S. CONGRESS. A Ukrainian guest haplain offered prayers in the House of Representatives, Washington D.C., last month, as the ongress marked the annual observance of Ukrainian Independence Day.

he Very Reverend Leo Wesolowsky, rector of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St.Vladimir, ew York, was the guest chaplain. In his prayer, Father Leo asked that the eyes of the Free orld might be turned towards the millions of enslaved people silently enduring the yoke of ommunism. He also referred to the New Year of 1961 as being the 100th anniversary of the ath of the famed Ukrainian poet, Taras Schevchenko, and prayed that his concept of the spirit liberty might once again brighten the land for whose freedom he fought.

It might be mentioned that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church has prepared a color movie film sound narrated, that endeavors to present informative material about the Hierarchy, the Consistory and activities of the St.Andrew's Center at South Bound Brook,N.J. The film is entitled 'Living Water' and runs for 30 minutes; it may be rented, for local showing on a 16mm projector, by contacting Walter Pypiuk 617 N.Front St., Allentown,Pa. - ED.

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NERAL EXPLOITATION CITED BY CATHOLIC MAGAZINE. Jubilee magazine, a ional Catholic monthly, reported that, in a recent poll, 41% of all Catholic clergy and 51% of otestant clergy felt that bereaved families were exploited by morticians.

e article, entitled 'The Funeral Business', stated that 'on a national scale, this expense led up, in 1959, to an estimated $1,507,000,000, or a whopping $907.83 per death - and rising

the root of many expensive funerals, the article said, are such items as water-tight caskets h 'semi-tailored interiors of gold tone and savory crepe', electronic systems that pipe chee music thru funeral parlors, smoking lounges, air-conditioning, and limousines at $35 a trip

study continued by adding 'The reason that the great proportion of 25,000 undertakers are financially successfully.....is that there are ten times too many of them; 5,000 could take e of all burials and cremations in the whole country'.

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TERN ORTHODOX LAYMAN NAMED AS PROFESSOR AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY. Charles Malik of Lebanon, former president of the General Assembly of the U.N. and one o world's best-known Christian statesmen, has been appointed to a professorship in the Schoo nternational Service of American University, Washington D.C.

Malik, a Greek Orthodox layman, will lecture at the Methodist university in the departments eligion and philosophy, as well as conduct faculty seminars in international relations. To the fullest scope to Dr.Malik's ability, qualified students from other universities of the ar be allowed to attend his classes.

Malik twice served as Ambassador of Lebanon to the U.S.A., and twice as a member of his try's delegation to the U.N., as well. In 1959, while at the U.N., he was elected president at bodies' 13th General Assembly. Since 1959, he has been a visiting professor at Dartmout Harvard universities.

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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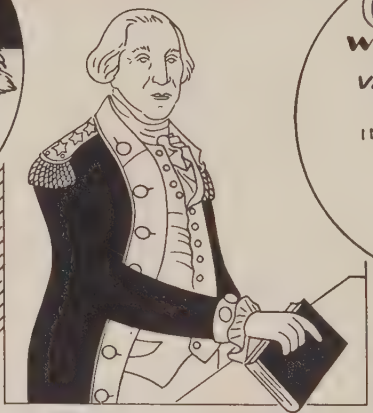
ESKIMOS IN CANADA'S NORTH WEST TERRITORIES CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING IN JUNE. WHEN THE COLLECTION PLATE IS PASSED AROUND IN CHURCH **IT IS PILED HIGH WITH FURS.**

A METHODIST MINISTER, THE REV. JOHN LITTLEJOHN, **HELPED SAVE THE OFFICIAL COPIES OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE** WHEN THE BRITISH BURNED WASHINGTON DURING WAR OF 1812.



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HOLY BIBLE, VALUED TODAY **AT $100,000,** IS NOW KEPT IN A BANK VAULT IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

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FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS, HURRICANES IN THE WEST INDIES **HAVE BEEN NAMED FOR SAINTS ON WHOSE DAYS THEY ARRIVED.**

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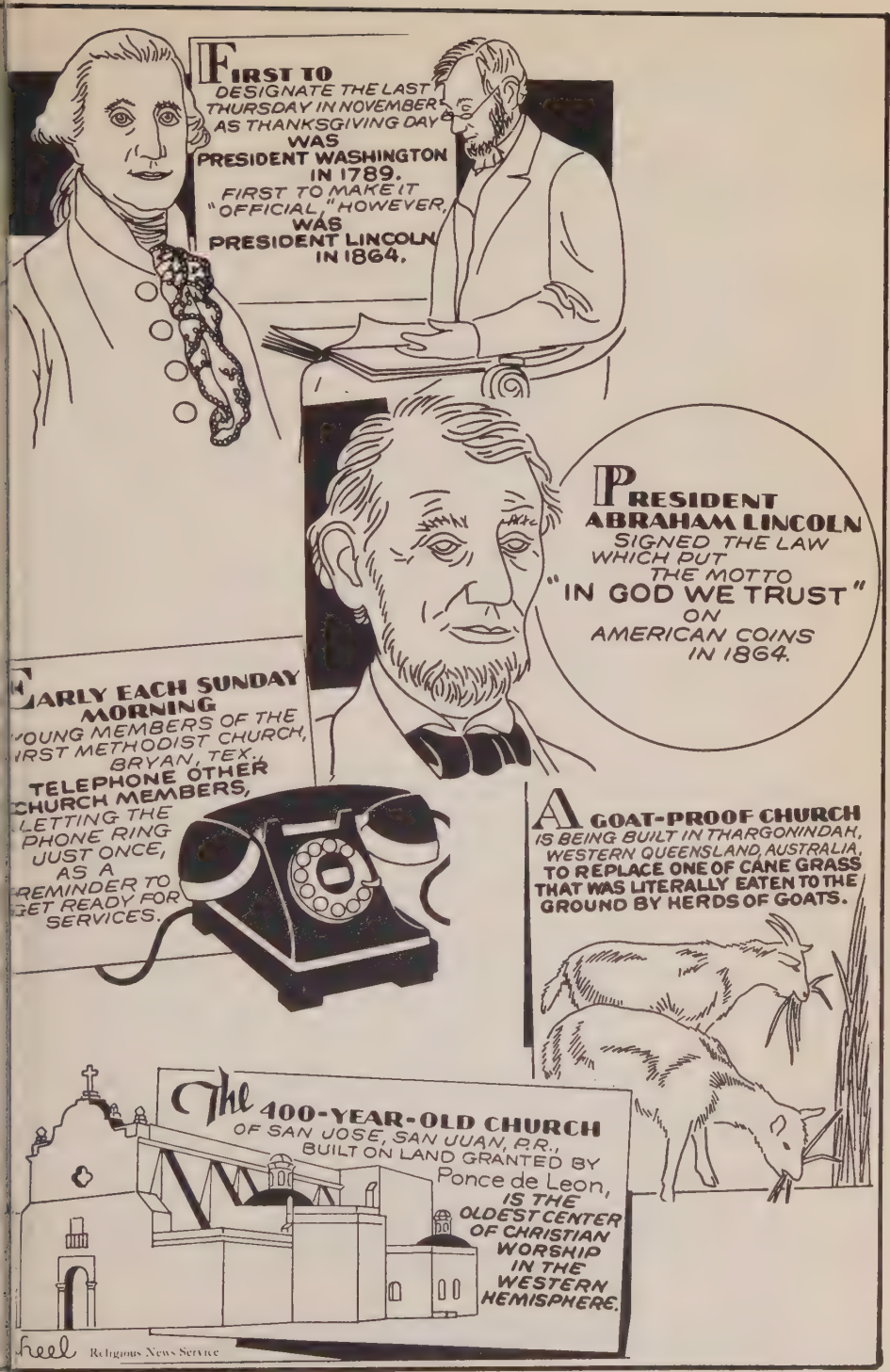
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NEW KENT COUNTY, VA., IS KNOWN AS **"THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE FIRST LADY,"** BECAUSE IT WAS THERE THAT GEORGE WASHINGTON MARRIED MRS. MARTHA CUSTIS.

THE **FIRST** MEMORIAL BUST TO WASHINGTON ERECTED IN A PUBLIC PLACE **STANDS BEFORE THE WINDOW IN OLD NORTH CHURCH, BOSTON,** THROUGH WHICH SEXTON ROBERT NEWMAN ESCAPED AFTER DISPLAYING THE LANTERNS THAT PRECEDED PAUL REVERE'S RIDE.


FIRST TO
DESIGNATE THE LAST THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER AS THANKSGIVING DAY
WAS
PRESIDENT WASHINGTON
IN 1789.
FIRST TO MAKE IT "OFFICIAL," HOWEVER,
WAS
PRESIDENT LINCOLN
IN 1864.
PRESIDENT
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
SIGNED THE LAW
WHICH PUT
THE MOTTO
"IN GOD WE TRUST"
ON
AMERICAN COINS
IN 1864.
EARLY EACH SUNDAY
MORNING
YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH,
BRYAN, TEX.,
TELEPHONE OTHER
CHURCH MEMBERS,
LETTING THE
PHONE RING
JUST ONCE,
AS A
REMINDER TO
GET READY FOR
SERVICES.
A GOAT-PROOF CHURCH
IS BEING BUILT IN THARGONINDAH,
WESTERN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA,
TO REPLACE ONE OF CANE GRASS
THAT WAS LITERALLY EATEN TO THE
GROUND BY HERDS OF GOATS.
The 400-YEAR-OLD CHURCH
OF SAN JOSE, SAN JUAN, P.R.,
BUILT ON LAND GRANTED BY
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IS THE
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OF CHRISTIAN
WORSHIP
IN THE
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1st EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HELLENIC UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION NAMED. Ernest A. Villas, former editor of the Hellenic Chronicle, a national Greek language newspap has been designated to be the first executive director of the Hellenic University Foundation, i was announced by the Greek Archdiocese in New York.

Established about a year ago to promote the expansion of the Holy Cross Orthodox Theologica School, Brookline,Mass., into an eventual college and university, the Hellenic University Fo dation is under the direction of a Board of Directors composed of Archbishop Iakovos, Spyro Skouras, Judge John C.Pappas, and other prominent Greek-Americans.

In his new function, Mr. Villas will be coordinator of all funds raised towards the Foundation goals. He previously headed the GOYA(Greek Orthodox Youth of America) Fund Drive, which raised more than $100,000 to construct a Memorial Chapel at the Theological School. He is a graduate of Minnesota and Columbia Universities and has taught at the Univ. of Minnesota an also served on the production staff for radio and TV of CBS and NBC.

- One of the most recent releases of the Hellenic University Foundation dealt with the fiv million dollar grant of the Old Dominion Foundation for the establishment of a center in the Nation's Capital; the Hellenic Foundation termed this grant '...an unusual measure of recognition....into the moral, philosophical and aesthetic values of ages past, which in turn will offer new guideposts of direction to.....the troubled world at large'.

- Mr.Villas, while still head of GOYA's Drive for the Chapel Fund, recently announced tha in two years, the GOYA chapters had collected $125,000, just short of the goal of $150,00 needed. Actual construction of the chapel is contemplated for March of this year; it is under the expert architectural supervision of W.Stuart Thompson of N.Y. Of the some 2 GOYA Chapters, that of Annunciation Cathedral of Boston ranked first with $5,300 raise Second place went to Assumption Church of Chicago with $4,250. St.Constantine of Chica was third with $3,100. - ED.

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A LOOK AT THE FIRST MONTH OF ACTIONS OF A CATHOLIC PRESIDENT. To survey the actions of the first Catholic President of the U.S., in his first month in office, one has to look at the moral and ethical side of events, rather than the headlines. A Catholic is an individual that adheres to the 'only True Faith, the Infallible Faith'; as such, a Catholi supposedly has the 'grace' to endow him with the morals and ethics that the ordinary, commo non-Catholic achieves only by sheer luck. Let a look, then, be given to Mr.Kennedy.

He promised 'New Frontiers and 'reform' in legislative tactics and techniques to 'put over' h program. FACTS: While his loyal Senate workers were wrestling with the Senate to change rules governing 'filibuster', to which Vice-President Nixon was lending his strength, Kenned gave no support at all; as a matter of fact, he had taken his 'New Frontiers' to Palm Beach t play golf.

He promised to go 'all out' to help the aged. FACTS: While 3,000 White House Conference Delegates on Aging were meeting Jan.9-12 in Washington, to hammer out details of the issues involved, and waiting for Mr. Kennedy to put in an appearance, he sent notice that his previo scheduled spot on the final program, Thursday noon, would have to be filled by someone else

He promised to maintain the highest of personal ethics and dignity as President. FACTS: On first official Sunday in the White House, January 29th, when he received the new Kennedy Ad istration, he had a bar installed in the White House to serve liquor. Even though his father t much of his money in whiskey, the Catholic Church says Sunday is a Holy Day, the Lords Da and Mr. Kennedy found fit to use swizzle sticks instead. Ethics? Morality?

On Oct.17th,1960, he promised that '...all appointments, high and low, will be made on basis ability...without regard to race, creed, national origin, sex, section, or occupation...' FACTS He appointed his brother, an inexperienced lawyer, as U.S. Attorney General; he had a roo mate from school days, a Roman Catholic with no governmental or legislative experience, o

min Smith II, appointed to succeed him as U.S.Senator. Is this promise keeping?

ated that no one should make personal profit, or personal benefit, from governmental ons. FACTS: By the use of American funds, a French translation of one biography of entitled: 'John F.Kennedy, a Political Profile', has been issued in Europe; this was done tly after the election, but not 'formally' released until inauguration day. Modesty?

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BAPTISTS IN U.S. URGED TO UNITE. Union of this country's more than twenty on Baptists into 'one fellowship, one association, one convention', was strongly urged by astor of the oldest Baptist church in the U.S.

Rev. Homer L. Trickett of First Baptist Church, Providence, R.I., declared that Baptists not united', but are 'divided by excessive individualism, and independency'. He called for and convention' in Providence to begin the movement toward unity.

Baptist Church of Providence is the oldest Baptist church in the nation and the first h of any denomination in Rhode Island. It was founded by Roger Williams in 1638. Pastor ett is the 29th minister of the church since the founding.

inister then announced that he had sent official invitations to Baptist leaders of the seven st Baptist bodies to appoint committees to launch a 'grand convention' towards Baptist he suggested that Providence be the site of such a gathering, inasmuch as the oldest st church is there.

ny union, within denominational scope, cannot help but aid the ecumenical spirit.-ED.

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BOOK TO BE ISSUED IN APRIL ON PATRIARCH CYRIL LUCARIS. The Knox Press has scheduled an April release for their new title 'Protestant Patriarch', a that deals with the life and times of the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, Cyril ris (1572-1638).

en by George A.Hadjiantoniou, the work deals in dramatic fashion with the bold and un- ing leadership of the great 'protestor' against the tyranny of Romanism. Hadjiantoniou tes how Rome, with schemes-bribes-plots-intrigues, wove a mantle of defeat about this ic figure. Lucaris, who was a man of deep conviction, integrity and learning, was not easily dismayed; he held sway over the Patriarchal affairs for eighteen years. Among archs he is easily recognized as one of the greatest Patriarchs.

he volume will retail at $3.50. Advance orders may be placed by writing to AREO, 3 W. 90th St. N.Y. 24, N.Y. - ED.

eorge A. Hadjiantoniou has been refugee, lawyer, minister, exile, and author. Presently, e is pastor of the 2nd Greek Evangelical Church of Athens.

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IIERES SCHEDULED FOR CHRISTIANITY UNDER COMMUNISM FILM. Seven in the U.S. and Canada have been chosen for the world premiere in early March for the ength film, 'Question Seven'. The film depicts present day pressures against a minister s son in Communist East Germany.

ced by Louis de Rochemont Associates of New York for the Lutheran Film Associates, ovie will be shown in Washington D.C., Seattle, Wash., Milwaukee, Wis., Austin, Tex., sburg,Pa., Columbia, S.C., and Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont.

e Rochemont Associates and the Lutheran agency produced the famed film 'Martin uther', that won such great admiration and following wherever it was shown. - ED.

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE ENDORSES BLAKE-PIKE UNION PROPOSAL. A proposed unio of four major Protestant bodies in this country was endorsed overwhelmingly in Detroit by th Michigan diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, one of the four church denominations involved in the plan.

In a resolution adopted at its annual meeting, the diocese requested the Episcopal General Convention to instruct its Joint Commission on Approaches to Unity to enter into negotiations with the other three religious bodies: Methodist, United Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ.

The original proposal, for 'union', had been broached in San Francisco last December, by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church; the proposal had been 'seconded' by Bishop Pike, Episcopal bishop of California.

The resolution of the Michigan diocese affirmed that it is the 'will of God to unite all things in Christ'. The diocese also called on its member parishes to 'study the teachings, worship, tra itions, and ministry of other communions, have informal conversations with clergy and minist of other communions and pray for and with our brethren to the end that we be united as Christ wills, by the means He wills and at the time He wills'.

- Bishop Pike has been severely criticized, since his support of the 'unity' idea, by segmen of the Episcopal Church that call themselves the 'high' or 'anglican' churchmen. Some ha even labeled Pike as being a 'heretic'. - ED.

- If such a four-way union develops, the 'high' churchmen of the Episcopal Church should develop immediate 'union' talks with Eastern Orthodoxy for the purpose of establishing a strong 'western rite' for the Mother Church of Christendom; this, for the purpose of bein ready to welcome into True Christendom, the 'dissident' papists. - ED.

- In line with 'western rite' Orthodox, it must be mentioned that several such endeavors ar actively functioning in Europe. Some attempts have also been made in the Western Hemi- sphere, of which not all are Orthodox, but, at least, they are pioneers in the move to bring Rome back to Christendom. One of these American efforts is that of the 'Western-Orthod Diocese of the American Catholic Church', under Bishop G.A.Hyde, with diocese offices i Wash.D.C. Bishop Hyde has announced his intent to use that form of the Western(Roman) Liturgy as was approved in 1870 by the Holy Synod of Moscow, for the use of Orthodox.

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JESUIT CONDEMNS PHYSIOLOGICAL BIRTH CONTROL METHODS. Father W.J. Gibb S.J., professor at Fordham University of New York, told a meeting of the Society of Hygiene Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore,Md., in January, that Catholic theology does not allow th use of any of the newly discovered physiological methods of birth control.

'Not everything that is empirically possible is morally appropriate or ethically acceptable.... nor does empirical knowledge tell us all we need to know about man's reproductive act. In an area so vitally tied up with man's behavior we must also turn to metaphysics and even theolo said the Jesuit. He also added: the Catholic objection to physiological methods of birth contro derives from the belief that 'the nature of the sex act is essentially reproductive and this nat cannot be tampered with'.

- In the Oct. '60 issue of 'Christianity Today', L.E.Barton writes: 'so-called celibate cler are not celibate after all. Dr.W.B.Bagby, who began Baptist mission work in Brazil and labored some fifty years or more, told me that he had been in hundreds of priests' hom and was introduced to their wives, whom they called 'companions'. It was the custom. T priests all had these concubines and made no bones of it.....'

- In Bologna, Italy, scientists revealed that they had repeatedly succeeded in achieving hu

ertilization in a test tube and had even kept one such human embryo alive for 29 days - it eing destroyed at that time, because it became deformed as it grew. When informed of it, he Vatican spokesmen exclaimed: 'Monstrous', 'immoral', 'sacrilegious'. The Catholic scientists responded by saying: 'the experiments will continue'. (One is reminded somewhat of the scientists of the Middle Ages who said the world was round, instead of square. At that ime, the Vatican exclaimed, similarly: 'heresy', 'monstrous', 'blasphemy'.- ED.)

he August '60 issue of the Catholic magazine 'Information' had the following question posed y a reader: 'Recently I had a miscarriage and the fetus was almost certainly dead before he nurse could baptize it; must I believe that my baby may never reach heaven?' Answer: ...an unbaptized infant cannot live in heaven....we make every effort to baptize a fetus, no matter at what stage of development....the child passes into limbo....Do they regret not eing in heaven?.....they regret it no more than we regret not having a week-end cottage n the moon...' (Perhaps the Vatican should use the same epithets regarding this poor riest's explanation of 'baptism of a fetus' - ED.)

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R CHAPLAINS' POSTHUMOUS AWARD GIVEN. The four chaplains of the U.S.S. aester, who gave their lives to let other men have their lifebelts when the ship was tor- d Feb.3rd, 1943, were posthumously awarded a special Medal of Honor for Heroism at nonies held at Fort Meyer,Va.

nedals, accepted by the next-of-kin of the four chaplains, were bestowed by Secretary of rmy, W.M.Brucker, by direction of Congress. The four chaplains (two Protestant, a rabbi, Roman priest) had previously been refused any recognition for a Medal of Honor, by the Dep't., on the grounds that they had not died in 'combat with the enemy'. This award, there- was a 'special Congressional medal', one for 'Heroism', for the Army insisted that the f 'Honor' not be made a part of the award.

ors Symington(D.-Mo.) and Bridges(R.-N.H.) sponsored the bill, which was approved on 1,1960 and awarded on Jan.19,1961.

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THREATENED BY 'CHARACTER DETERIORATION'. The chief source of danger to ited States is not Communism, but a deterioration of character from within; this was the dered opinion expressed by former president of the National Council of Churches, Dr.E.T. erg.

ressing his opinion, Dr.Dahlberg said that for every dollar spent on religion, $9 was used ime; that police power cannot stop crime, but, instead, 'something must happen to the inner the nation....a new birth, a change of heart, a transformation of soul and character....this mission of the Church.....and the real reason for Christian education is not fight a national wave, but to enrich the lives of the ....child....by developing within him a moral and spirit- munity, by which the temptation of crime and indecency can have no power over him....'

r.Karl Menninger, noted psychiatrist of Topeka,Kan., said, last month, that the public has come 'complacent to evil'; and that 'public indifference and ignorance' is the strength of il. One remedy, he said, was to have a more active press and news media, which has no mpunction or fear about exposing evil and thus overcoming public apathy.

ne of the main areas of 'character deterioration' is that created by the Roman Catholic erarchy in their struggle to obtain public funds for their private uses. By appealing to e mass consciousness they have raised serious doubts as to their integrity and sincerity supporting the traditional American concepts of individual freedom from any and all of e varied 'thought-control' apparatus that would like to seize the reigns of power in this untry. This approach is borne out by the thoughts of Rev.Fr.F.A.McGuire of the National tholic Welfare Conference, who said recently that the Declaration of Independence is ing abandoned in the U.S. by those who are opposed to 'full freedom for millions of people; o have assisted dictators to remain in power; who have been silent in the face of depotism'.

ROMAN HIERARCHY CALLS FEDERAL EDUCATION AID BILL 'UNFAIR'. In two strong criticisms, Roman Catholic Cardinal Spellman of N.Y. and Archbishop Brady of Minn. blasted the proposed Federal Aid to Education Bill as being 'unfair', 'unjust', 'discriminator

Recommendations of the Kennedy Administration's task force on education, for a 5.8 billion dollar to public elementary and high schools were branded as 'unfair' to the nation's 6,800,00 parochial and private school children. The task force had proposed a flat grant of $30 annu per pupil, with an additional $20 per pupil for poorer areas. The funds, thus granted, would b used for teacher salaries, school construction, reducing bond indebtedness, and other educati purposes.

Immediate response came from the largest Protestant elementary school system, that of the Lutheran Missouri Synod, whose spokesman, Dr.O.C.J.Hoffmann, said 'let Cardinal Spellman speak for himself. He does not speak for the Lutherans, who, as Americans accept the traditi American policy of Church-State separation,...and do not feel discriminated against if Federa funds were appropriated for public schools only. In fact, if there is such assistance, it should restricted to public schools'.

Additional criticism of the Roman hierarchy came from the American Baptist Convention, wh said that 'the public treasury, for the support of any sectarian purpose, is a violation of a bas liberty, essential to our American heritage' if it is used for that purpose.

- Prominent Roman Catholic layman, John T.Connor of Merck & Co.Inc, told 2,700 Seton H University students and business men that whenever and wherever the Catholic hierarchs actions disagreed with the individual Catholic's viewpoint in public affairs, that the indivi ual must make his own decision on what is best for the country; in line with this, Mr.Co then issued an open challenge to Roman Catholic hierarchs in New Jersey, regarding thei overt attempts to undermine the public school system, in that state.

- In the field of education it is interesting to note that the 'little red schoolhouse' of yester year is gradually fading away; there are only 19,000 of these small, one-teacher units le in the nation. The total number of individuals enrolled in schools and colleges is presen 44,400,000, with another 3,500,000 employed in education fields; the combined total is ab 27% of the U.S. population. Earning power of grade school graduates, in a lifetime, tota $178,000. The individual who completes high school, has a prospective life-time total o earnings of $243,000. The college graduate can hope to realize $347,000 in a life-time.

- In the field of Federal Grants for Education, the government has announced the availabil of 1,500 fellowships, of 3-year duration, for graduate students preparing to teach college subjects. The Fellows will receive stipends of $2,000 to 2,400 annually, plus tuition.Abo 50 of these Fellowships are being granted for studies in the field of religion, ranging fro Buddhism and the history of Islam to contemporary Christian theological thought.

- Governor Rockefeller of N.Y. has proposed a $200 'scholarship' subsidy for students at college, regardless of religious affiliation. The action was immediately condemned by th N.Y.Board of Regents as 'unconstitutional' and a 'breach in the wall of church and state' The Regents further pointed out that the idea was an 'evasive' way to try and get around constitution; other civic and private bodies similarly took the stand of the Regents, with chief exception of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, who declared Rockefeller to have an e to 'justice'; a man with 'gifted leadership'; a 'man of vision'. (It should be noted that Roc feller is already preparing to try and be the Republican nominee for president in 1964 an is, therefor, trying to curry favor from Catholics and other minority bodies that want to see the Constitution upset in their favor.-ED.)

- One Roman Catholic leader, however, issued a charge to fellow believers that the compl of carrying a 'double tax burden' is not correct. Msgr.J.A.Driscoll, director of schools the Dubuque,Iowa, archdiocese, said that studies show that even if the state paid all bills education of private and public schools, the tax burden would not represent a saving to p ents over their public and private expenditures, as at present. In addition, he warned, t Catholic schools would then come under government 'control' and would lose many of th rights.

Father N.G.McCluskey,S.J., assoc.editor of 'America', stated that a working partnership between public and Catholic schools was essential; that Catholics should stop trying to block bond issues for better public school systems and higher teacher salaries; and that Catholics should take an active interest in the spiritual, ethical and moral strength of the public schools, because it is for the general welfare of the whole nation; and lastly, that Catholic parochial schools should stop 'dumping' problem children on the public schools. (Amen.-ED.)

There is no question but that any and all Federal Aid to Education should be confined to the public school system, if Americans want the American principle of liberty of the individual preserved for future generations. Any encroachment, that tends to weaken that tradition, will eventually lead to the growth of some form of totalitarian, governmental system.-ED.

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UAL 'BLESSING OF THE WATERS' OBSERVED ON EPIPHANY BY ORTHODOX. Blessing of the waters' and 'casting of the Cross' into the waters was conducted on three ions last month by Archbishop Iakovos, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and America. Two of the occasions were in Florida, one was in Virginia.

riday, January 6th, which was the Feast of Epiphany, third ranking Holy Day of the Orthodox His Eminence participated in the annual blessing of the waters ceremony at Tarpon Spring, da. This colorful and historic pageant was climaxed with the Great Blessings and the casting Cross into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The Cross, which is retrieved by a diver, is olic of the baptism of Christ by St.John.

uary 8th, the Archbishop performed a similar service in nearby Tampa,Fla., following the ation of the Divine Liturgy. On January 16th, still another of the services was conducted es at Newport News, Va.

.George Greek Orthodox Church, Port Arthur, Texas, also observed Epiphany in a similar shion, for the third successive year. Father Theodore Kyritsis conducting the ceremony, cooperation with the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce.

ast Fall, at the time of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Archbishop Iakovos onducted the 'Blessing of the Waters' at a service held at Asbury Park,N.J. At that time, ome 30,000 persons turned out for the festival. Sunset Lake was the scene of the watery eremony; while the Liturgy was held in Convention Hall, with Governor Meyner in attendance.

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BISHOP MAKARIOS GIVES EPISCOPAL CHAIR TO CHURCH IN U.S. When shop Makarios of Cyprus was in the U.S. in 1957, he attended cornerstone laying services unciation Greek Orthodox Church, Woburn,Mass. At that time, he promised to send the unity a new Episcopal Throne for the new edifice. On Sunday, January 29th, the newly d throne was dedicated in special services.

carved of teakwood, by Cypriot craftsmen, the throne will always have a special place of at Annunciation Church due to the fact that the Archbishop was once spiritual leader of mmunity; this was while he was attending Boston University's School of Theology.

he Woburn church was destroyed by fire, necessitating the rebuilding program of 1957.-ED.

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N POWER' REWARDED WITH VARSITY 'LETTER' BY CATHOLIC SCHOOL. plan to reward brain power as well as muscle power with sweater letters was announced rist Father L.J.Moran, president of Chanel High School, Bedford,O.

oman Catholic school will henceforth give varsity size 'C's' to outstanding junior and

senior students; junior size letters will be given to outstanding sophomores, and numerals outstanding freshmen scholars. The letters will have a book or key surmounted for the purp of differentiating them from the athletic awards.

As Father Moran said' We....believe that 95% of the efforts of the students....should be aim at intellectual development...'

- Credit must be given where and when it is do; the program should be adopted by all sch thruout the country. - ED.

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AHEPA EXCURSION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14th. The 27th annual Ahepa Excu sion to Greece will sail from New York City, aboard the S.S.Queen Frederica, on Tuesday, t 14th of March,1961.

The Ahepa(American Hellenic Educational Progressive Ass'n.) Excursions are first-rate ex ples of the American 'people-to-people' programs ever undertaken by any group or associat in the U.S. The 1,000 or more excursionists are actually 'good-will ambassadors' thruout t entire time in Greece.

As an example of one phase of the 'good-will' work of these excursions, it must be mentione that a 'people-to-people' Book Project is carried out in connection with the trip. Prior to th sailing of the 'Frederica', a nation-wide collection of American Books for Greece is conduc The thousands of hard-cover books, thus collected, are then transported free-of-charge to Greece, where they are distributed to various schools and libraries in that land.(Last year, total of 25,000 volumes was thus distributed.-ED.)

- Ahepa engages in a diverse panorama of other civic and educational activities, also. Fo instance, St.Basil Academy,Garrison,N.Y., which is devoted partially to caring for Gre Orthodox orphans, is aided greatly by the financial gifts from and thru Ahepa members. Another Ahepa effort has found a niche in its annual Ahepa Harry Agganis Plaque for th outstanding Hellenic athlete of America for the year. Milt Pappas, star pitcher of the Baltimore Orioles, receiving the 1960 award at a ceremony Jan.13,1961.(Harry Agganis w the brilliant baseball rookie, who met an untimely death in 1954.-ED.)

- The giving of books, of decent quality and content, to any library-seminary-or worthy c should be a reasonable and praiseworthy endeavor by every sincere citizen. This count has hundreds of under-stocked libraries, which welcome gifts of this type. Take, for ex ple, the appeal being made by the Savonarola Theological Seminary, 1031 Cedar Ave.,Sc ton,Pa. - this Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church has the task of supplyi clergy to its 160 parishes and missions in this land and badly needs the educational mat ial necessary for its student body. Any sincere individual should send them a few volum perhaps ones dealing with denominational thought of other phases of Christianity. - ED.

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2,442 PROTESTANT AND ORTHODOX CHURCHES IN CITY OF NEW YORK. T 1961 Protestant Church Directory, released last month, shows a total of 2,442 churches of th Protestant and Orthodox Faiths in the five boroughs, and in Nassau and Westchester countie of New York City.

Of this total, 308 churches are Spanish-speaking, 84 are Eastern Orthodox, 374 are Bapti 294 are Methodist, 277 are Lutheran, 268 are Episcopalian, and 178 are Presbyterian.

Of the Eastern Orthodox, the Greeks have 26 and the Russians have 24. The remaining 34 a split among small, national Orthodox jurisdictions (Ukrainian,Syrian,Serbian,etc.)

Brooklyn, one of the five boroughs, has the greatest concentration of churches - a total of 5 split among 60 different denominations.

IBISHOP IAKOVOS TO HEAD PAN-ORTHODOX BISHOPS' CONFERENCE IN U.S.
ishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America, was named
man of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas at a meeting
osset,N.Y., last month.

d as vice-chairman was Metropolitan Antony Bashir of Brooklyn,N.Y., head of the Syrian
hian Orthodox Church.

onference was formed last June to aid in developing a pan-Orthodox spirit of unity, and to
ve problems of common concern to all Orthodox bodies in this country. Orthodox bodies
sented on the Conference include: Russian, Ukrainian, Carpatho-Russian, Albanian, Bul-
n, Syrian, and Serbian, and Greek.

s last meeting, the delegates adopted a constitution, which provides for a number of com-
ons to deal with various Orthodox matters. One of the commissions will prepare for the
Orthodox Synod, scheduled on the Isle of Rhodes,Greece, sometime this year.

Metropolitan Bashir recently celebrated his silver jubilee as Archbishop of the Syrian
ntiochian Orthodox Church in North America. He is a native of Douma, Liban, Syria. His
resent jurisdiction is reported to number about 110,000 persons. - ED.

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IN CATHOLIC HIERARCHS IN DISPUTE OVER CHRISTIAN UNITY. Altho the
eek of January (18-25) was set aside by the Roman Church as 'Chair of Unity Octave Week',
inciple of what is meant by 'unity' received opposite views from Roman hierarchs.

Patrick's Cathedral, N.Y.C., Msgr. J.J.Dougherty, president of Seton Hall University, urged
tholics to 'break down the wall of separation' - of misunderstanding and intolerance - in
relations with Protestant and Orthodox.

everend Father George H. Landzatt, of the Benedictine monastery at Chevotogne,Belgium,
Catholic Forum recently that personal friendships between Protestant and Roman clergy
serve as one very effective preliminary to attempts at unity. He said that Catholics had
'wall of prejudices' that must now be shattered, and that 'reforms' must be made to
about a 'more Catholic Church'.

Jan.25th,1961 issue of 'Baptist Standard', an 'unprecedented meeting in Colombia' was re-
by Dr.Hoke Smith,Jr., who wrote from Cali, Colombia about a joint meeting of two Catho-
ests and three evangelical preachers; the five clergy sat on the same platform, before a
of 8,000 Protestant and Catholic people, and discussed assigned subjects on Bible doctrine.
papers of Cali described the meeting as 'extraordinary, transcendental, audacious,unique'.

e, France, Achille Cardinal Lienart said that Catholics should alter their attitudes toward
tants by practicing the virtues of love and charity and to pray for unity.

vidence, R.I., Bishop R.J.McVinney warned that pride, envy, jealousy, and self-seeking
or dissensions and divisions today, just as they did in Christ's time. He added that only
by our prayers and sincere efforts...can we achieve a unanimity...."

fferent vein, and with considerable narrowness of mind and evident bigotry, Roman Bishop
hring of Toledo, O., extended a ban on any and all doctrinal discussion with Protestants
of the clergy or laity under his jurisdiction. His mandate followed a series of small
-roots' discussions, which his clergy had attended with Protestant clergy in the Toledo
these meetings had been originally prompted by Jesuit Gustave Weigel, who had thus,
ntly, stepped on the bishop's toes. Citing Canon Law, the bishop declared that 'Catho-
all not enter into any disputation or conference with non-Catholics....without permission'.

tho Roman hierarchs are able to freely condemn Protestants as 'bigots', it is apparent
t a 'looking-glass' is needed by many of them to view their own portraits. - ED.

GREEK DOCTOR FOSTERED MEDICO. MEDICO (Medical International Cooperation) i privately-sponsored, humanitarian, non-governmental, non-sectarian endeavor that sends phy icians and assistance to underdeveloped countries. Dr.Peter D. Comanduras, Greek-Americ physician, after personally seeing the suffering and poverty in various areas of the world, un took to create what is presently known as Medico.

Assisting Dr. Comanduras in the formation of Medico, in 1958, was the late Dr. 'Tom' Dooley Laos renown. Often accused of being a 'publicity seeker', Dr.Dooley was actually a moving sp in Medico thru his superlative 'fund-raising' endeavors.(Close to a million dollars were raise for Medico thru his book royalties and solicitation of funds.-ED.) However, the real guiding spirit of Medico was the creator, Dr. Comanduras, who is also secretary-general of the orga zation.

Originally, Dr.Comanduras, who is a native of Lowell,Mass., had tried to obtain the help of W (World Health Organization) for the under-privileged regions of the world; he had been reject because he was not a 'public health doctor'. Altogether, he visited some 25 countries and foun them eager and anxious for help; he then created Medico, with Dr.Dooley returning from Laos just in time to give him a hand with it. While Dooley directed his efforts towards Laos, Dr. Comanduras directed his to obtaining private donations from the public and from pharmaceuti firms; he presently has 20 such firms among his benefactors.

Dr. Comanduras, who arrived back in the U.S. early in January of this year, expressed some the basic thoughts regarding the work of American medical aid thruout the poor areas of the world; in his words: 'we haven't begun to scratch the surface. It will take 50 years for any re progress to be evident and not even then if we go at the pace we are presently following'. He cited examples of what can be achieved: Laos, with three million people, has only one native doctor; the Congo, with ten million people, has only 20 doctors; Cambodia, with ten million people, has less than 30 physicians. (*In the U.S., there is a doctor for every 600 people.-ED. Dr.Comanduras pointed out the magnificent work, for example, that has been done by Dr.Seagr in Burma and by Dr.Schweitzer in Africa. He also told of how volunteer doctors are working in mission areas for only $300 a month; with nurses drawing only $100 a month.

Assisting Dr. Comanduras, in the capacity of a field man for Medico, is another Greek-Ameri doctor, Emmanuel Voulgaropoulos, 29-year old Lowell, Mass., native. He also recently came back to the States after two years in Cambodia. He mentioned, in an interview, some of his tri and tribulations in a country that had only two western trained physicians; a country in which Russians have built a five million dollar, 500 room hospital.

- The 2nd Int'l. Convention on Missionary Medicine is scheduled for Dec.26-29,1961 at the Wheaton (Ill.) College campus. More than 2,000 medical missionaries, doctors, dentists, nurses, students, and mission board executives are expected to register. The Christian Medical Society, the coordinating body for the affair, announced, thru a spokesman, that 'We need to alert the medical profession to the tremendous importance of the need for go health in the world and what all of us in the various denominations can do to bring it abou We need to study the areas of change due to nationalism and Communism....and how to wo best with the new emerging nations'.

- The Ass'n. of American Medical Colleges is presently administering a new program of International Medical Fellowships. Under the $180,000, three-year grant, made possible by Smith Kline & French Laboratories, 29 American medical students have been sent to the dark corners of three continents to study and combat diseases unfamiliar to the West by this means, these 'fellows' can help to organize and maintain public health programs and wage war on disease and the ignorance that springs from disease.

- Eastern Orthodoxy has always been a 'mystical' religion; now, thru the examples given b Doctors Comanduras and Voulgaropoulos, Orthodox youth should seize the initiative and enter into the field of medical mission work and prove their Christian spirit thru works service, love, and charity to those less fortunate. - ED.

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ading Washington D.C. clergy of the Four Major Faiths. The committee was composed of
: co-chairman, of which Father John T. Tavlarides of St.Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral
one. This committee had as its purpose the task of seeing to it that the doors of all places
orship would be open continuously all day long, on Friday, January 20th, so that the visiting
c might find easy access to places of prayer, on behalf of the new administration.

n interesting religious sidelight to the inauguration, it can be told that, even though it was a
ay, President Kennedy started the day off with a breakfast of eggs and bacon. As an anti-
ax it can also be mentioned that Cardinal Cushing, who arrived in the midst of the blizzard,
cipated in the Celebration of the Mass, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,
having a spot of breakfast with Archbishop O'Boyle. (As a further look at Roman 'fasting',
s announced this month on TV that Cardinal Godfrey of England had ordered that all the
ehold pets, of the faithful, must not eat meat during Lent for 1961. - ED.)

Several centuries ago, three Trappist monks dwelt together in a damp and rather inaccessible cave.

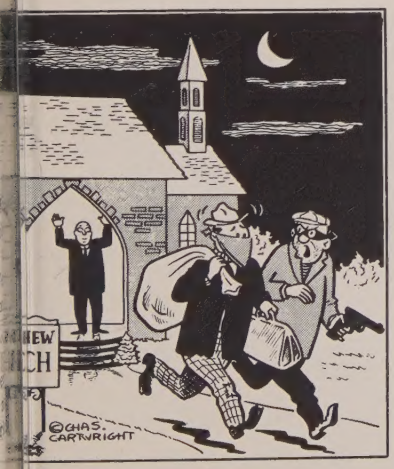
One morning, a horse galloped past the mouth of the cave while the three were eating their silent breakfast.

Three months later, Brother Francis raised his hand to signify he had an urgent reason to speak. He said: 'That was a pretty white horse'.

At Christmas time, some months later, after Vespers, Brother John raised his hand to be heard. He declared: 'That was a brown horse'.

Over a year later, the third monk, Brother Archibald, suddenly rose from his accustomed place and stalked out of the cave; then turning he raised his hand and said: 'If this constant bickering has to go on, I am leaving'.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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